for nearly one year because natural gas has not been made available for it;

(b) when the decision to allocate gas to this power station was taken by Government;

(c) by what date gas supply has been sought by Gujarat State Electricity Board from ONGC for commissioning the power plant; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that gas is supplied immediately to the Uttaran Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending Power Projects

4321. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI. Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 37 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether some power projects are pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) what are the details of pending power projects district-wise, as on the 15th December, 1992;

(c) whether some expenditure has been estimated on these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to take some action to clear these projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 81)

(e) and (f) proposals in respect of 115 power projects (Thermal & Hydel) have been received from various States and are currently being processed. The time taken for according approval to the proposals received would depend upon the details given by the State Governments/State Electricity Boards and upon clearances from various concerned central agencies /Ministries, such as the Central Electricity Authority from techno-economic point of view, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of Coal for establishing fuel linkages, Ministry of Surface Transport and Ministry of Railways in respect of transportation and handling of fuel, Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance and Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission for investment approval.

Non settlement of bills of consumers by D.E.S.U.

4322. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3805 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that the case of consumer K. No. 203-1233416 has not been settled so far inspite of depositing the final bill on the 15th January, 1992 and reminding the Department thrice;

(b) whether a large scale corruption is rampant in the paharganj District of DESU and the consumers are harassed with a view to extract money illegally;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DESU authorities of the District Office at Idgah furnish altogether wrong and misleading information;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct raids in the district office and enquire into the affairs of this district to save the consumers;

Assistance Finance Officer of this District does not listen to the complaints of the public on one pretext or the other and

(f) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f) DESU has already refunded the Security Deposit of Rs. 300/- in respect of the said connection. The delay in settling the case occurred due to the shifting of the area from Shankar Road District to Paharganj District and the time taken in shifting the relevant records. A proper grievance redressal system at District and Circle level and Bijli Adalats already exist in DESU. The complaints received against the staff are also investigated by the Vigilance Department. DESU can take necessary action if any specific case of corruption or misbehaviour etc. by DESU staff, supported by proper evidence, is brought to its notice. Working of the various DESU offices is also inspected by senior officers from time to time.

Central Assistance for rtplacement of Transmission Lines in U.P.

4323. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been requested to provide assistance for replacement of transmission lines in some districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of assistance sought for, district-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these requests;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what amount is estimated to be spent on the replacement of each such transmission line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Thermal Power Plants in U.P.

4324. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether thermal power plants have been set up at some place of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are their locations district-wise, with power production capacity of each;

(c) whether some of these plants are not functioning due to one reason or the other;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to restore the functioning of these plants;

(f) if so, the details thereof together with the estimated amount to be spent on each and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Government propose to set up more such plants in Uttar Pradesh; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The required details are given in the enclosed statements. (*See* below) Some of the units of thermal power stations owned by